Increase in royalty rate of coal

†448. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the royalty rate of coal has been increased;

(b) the details of the royalty which coal producing States are getting; and

(c) whether it is based on market price of the coal according to the demands made by the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Rates of royalty on coal have been revised vide notification No.G..S.R.522(E) dated 01.08.2007, as per Statement (*See* below).

(c) The rates of royalty which shall be a combination of specific and ad-valorem rates are as follows :-

R (Royalty Rupees/Tonnes) = a + bP

Where "P" (price) shall mean basic pithead price of ROM (Run-of-Mine) coal as reflected in the invoice, excluding taxes, levies and other charges and the values of "a" (fixed component) and "b" (Variable or *ad-valorem* component) as detailed in answer to Que. No.(b).

Statement

Notification procribing rates of royalty of Coal

MINISTRY OF COAL

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 1st August, 2007

G.S.R. 522(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-section (3) of Section 9 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (67 of 1957), the Central Government hereby makes the following further amendment in the Second Schedule to the said Act, namely:—

2. In the said Schedule, for item 11 and the entries relating thereto, the following item and entries shall be substituted, namely:—

11. Coal :

A. Coal produced in all States and Union Territories except the State of West Bengal.

(I) Royalty on Coal :

The rates of royalty, which shall be a combination of specific and *ad valorem* rates of royalty which shall be as follows:

R (Royalty Rupees/tonnes) = a + bp

Where 'P' (price) shall mean basic pithead price of RoM (Run-of-Mine) coal and lignite as reflected in the invoice, excluding taxes, levies and other charges and the values of 'a' (fixed component) and 'b' (variable or *ad-valorem* component) would be as follows:

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[PART-II-SEC. 3(1)]

Group	Grade of Coal	Royalty on coal in Rupees per tonne.
Group-I	Steel Gr.-I Steel Gr.-II Washery-I Direct Feed	a = Rs. 180.00 b = 5 per cent *i.e.* Rs. 180 + 5 per cent where **'P'** (price) shall mean basic pithead price of RoM (Run-of-Mine) coal and lignite as reflected in the invoice, excluding taxes, levies and other charges.
Group-II	Washery-II Washery-III Semi-Coking Gr.-I Semi-Coking Gr.-II Grade A Grade B	a = Rs. 130.00 b = 5 per cent *i.e.* Rs. 130 + 5 per cent where **'P'** (price) shall mean basic pithead price of RoM (Run-of-Mine) coal and lignite as reflected in the invoice, excluding taxes, levies and other charges.
Group-III	Washery-IV Grade C	a = Rs. 90.00 b = 5 per cent *i.e.* Rs. 90 + 5 per cent where **'P'** (price) shall mean basic pithead price of RoM (Run-of-Mine) coal and lignite as reflected in the invoice, excluding taxes, levies and other charges.
Group-IV	Grade D Grade E	a = Rs. 70.00 b = 5 per cent *i.e.* Rs. 70 + 5 per cent where **'P'** (price) shall mean basic pithead price of RoM (Run-of-Mine) coal and lignite as reflected in the invoice, excluding taxes, levies and other charges.
Group-V	Grade F Grade G	a = Rs. 55.00 b = 5 per cent *i.e.* Rs. 55 + 5 per cent where **'P'** (price) shall mean basic pithead price of RoM (Run-of-Mine) coal and lignite as reflected in the invoice, excluding taxes, levies and other charges.

(2) Royalty on Lignite :

a = Rs. 45.00

b = 2 per cent

i.e. Rs. 45 + 2 per cent of basic pithead price of RoM (Run-of-Mine) coal/ lignite as reflected in the invoice, excluding taxes, levies and other charges.

(3) Royalty on middlings :

(i) Useful Heat Value > 1300	rate applicable to corresponding grade of coal (based on Useful Heat Value);
(ii) Useful Heat Value = < 1300	a = Rs. 45 b = 5 per cent of price *i.e.* Rs. 45 + 5 per cent of existing actual invoice price (excluding taxes and other levies). The royalty shall not be charged on such middlings or rejects wherein royalty has been charged on raw coal prior to its washing in order to avoid double charging of royalty.

(4) Adjustment of royalty against levying of cess :

For States other than West Bengal that levy cess or other taxes specific to coal bearing lands, the royalty allowed shall be adjusted for the local cesses or such taxes so as to limit the overall revenue to the formula based yield.

B. Coal produced in the State of West Bengal :

(i) Group I of Coals :

(a) Coking coal Steel Grade-I Steel Grade-II Washery Grade-I	Seven rupees only per tonne.

(ii) Group II of Coals :

(a) Coking Coal Washery Grade-II Coking Coal Washery Grade-III	Six rupees and fifty paise only per tonne.
(b) Semi-Coking Coal Grade-I Semi-Coking Coal Grade-II	
(c) Non-Coking Coal Grade-A Non-Coking Coal Grade-B	

(iii) Group III of Coals :

(a) Coking Coal Washery Grade-IV (b) Non-Coking Coal Grade-C	Five rupees and fifty paise only per tonne.

(iv) Group IV of Coals :

(a) Non-Coking Coal Grade-D (b) Non-Coking Coad Grade-E	Four rupees and thirty paise only per tonne.

(v) **Group V of Coals :**

(a) Non-Coking Coal Grade-F	Two rupees and fifty paise only
(b) Non-Coking Coal Grade-G	per tonne.

Explanation :

1. For the purpose of grading of coal, the specification of each grade of the coal shall be as prescribed under rule 3 of the Colliery Control Rules, 2004.

2. The notification shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazete.

[No. 28019/1/2005-CA-II]

K.S. KROPHA, Jt. Secy.

FOOT NOTE : The Second Schedule was amended from time-to-time and last amended *vide* Notification No. GSR 572, Extraordinary, dated 16th August, 2002.

Loss of stamp and registration fees

†449. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Governments are losing stamp and registration fees due to absence of any contract between the coal companies and State Governments;

(b) whether the need to constitute a separate forum is being felt for better coordination between the Central and State Governments to solve the problems connected with coal; and

(c) if so, the efforts being made by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) Law documents required by law are registered by Coal Companies as per extant rules. Ministry of Coal is not aware of any loss of revenue to State Governments on account of non-payment of Stamp duty by Coal Companies.

(b) and (c) As explained in part (a), it is statutory obligation that all documents required to be registered are duly registered. Coal companies abide by these provisions of law.

Increase in cyber crimes

450. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of cyber crimes has been increasing in the country during the last three years;

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